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SUBJECT: 57TH ECONSOC - SCALI ADDRESS

1. WE ARE PREPARING DRAFT OF AMBASSADOR SCALI'S JULY 4 ADDRESS
ALONG GENERAL LINES INDICATED BELOW. WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS
FOR SPECIFIC ELEMENTS WE SHOULD COVER BEYOND THOSE LISTED AND
PARTICULAR POINTS YOU FEEL IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE.

2. AFTER BRIEF INTRODUCTION NOTING SALIENT POINTS FROM
ADDRESS TO ECOSOC IN 73, WE PLAN BRIEF (2 TO 3 PARAGRAPHS)
REMARKS ON GENERAL WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION REFERRING TO:
INFLATION; CONCERN WITH UNEMPLOYMENT; POTENTIAL REDUCTION IN
WORLD MARKETS; AND NEED FOR CAREFUL, COOPERATIVE, APPROACH IN
PROCESS OF TRADE AND MONETARY ADJUSTMENTS, PARTICULARLY TO
LIMIT DAMAGE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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3. OUR COMMENT ON SPECIAL SESSION WOULD RECAP CONCLUSION OF SCALI SPEECH, NOTING THAT WE HAD RESERVATIONS ON PROGRAM OF ACTION, BUT STRESSING THAT NEVERTHELESS U.S. MAKING SERIOUS EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTIONS OF EMERGENCY PROBLEMS NOTED AT THAT SESSION. THESE INCLUDE: FOOD PROGRAM; SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE SAHEL AS PROBLEM AREA EXACERBATED BY LONGER RANGE CLIMATIC TRAND; AND NEED FOR GLOBAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FORESHADOWING IMPENDING SURPLUSES AND SCARCITIES OF NATURAL RESOURCES. WOULD COMMENT ON PROGRESS IN FOOD; WOULD NOTE THAT WMO HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN INVESTIGATION ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY SECRETARY TO POSSIBLE CLIMATIC CHANGES IN MONSOON BELT; AND EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT U.S. PROPOSAL ON NATURAL RESOURCES STUDY AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM NOW BEFORE ECOSOC WOULD BE APPROVED FOR ADOPTION.

4. WE WOULD REITERATE U.S. APPROACH TO SPECIAL PROGRAM ADOPTED AT SPECIAL SESSION IS TO ASSIST WHERE WE CAN, IN WAYS MOST IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE, AND WITH SPEED IN DELIVERY. IN OUR VIEW THIS MEANS EMERGENCY MEASURES AND USE OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL. WE WOULD STATE THAT WE PLAN TO INFORM SECRETARY GENERAL, IN RESPONSE TO HIS APPEAL, OF THE AREAS AND MAGNITUDES OF SUCH ASSISTANCE AS WE ARE ABLE TO TAKE AS WE DECIDE ON THE NECESSARY STEPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR GOVERNMENTAL PROCEDURES.

5. COMMENT ON MNC REPORT WILL BE DRAWN FROM POSITION PAPER AND WILL NOTE THAT FURTHER WORK MAY BE DONE ON DEVELOPING AN INITIAL CODE OF CONDUCT BUT ONE WHICH RECOGNIZES RECIPROCAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF INVESTOR AND COUNTRY WHICH ACCEPTS INVESTMENT.

6. COMMENT ON COORDINATION OF UN SYSTEM WOULD REFLECT RECOGNITION OF WORK NEEDED IN THIS AREA AS STATED IN 73 AND TIE-IN WITH SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPEECH WOULD NOTE THE 1975 SPECIAL SESSION WILL ADDRESS THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A FUTURE STUDY TO BE MADE BY JACKSON. WE REGARD LATTER AS THE BASIC PREPARATORY WORK FOR THAT SESSION.

7. CONCLUDING REMARKS MAY NOTE THE GRADUAL EVOLUTION OF A UN AGENDA TOWARDS GREATER CONCENTRATION ON THE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT. THESE GREAT ISSUES EMERGED IN POINTED FORM IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL EXERCISE IN 1973, WERE REEMPHASIZED IN THE SPECIAL SESSION JUST CONCLUDED, AND WILL NO DOUBT BE AGAIN ADDRESSED WITH INCREASING CLARITY (AND WE HOPE WITH BETTER AWARENESS OF THE ECONOMIC FACTS AND LIMITATIONS IN RAPID DEVELOPMENT) AS A PART OF THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IN 1975, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 1975 SPECIAL SESSION ON UN MACHINERY TO CARRY OUT THE STRATEGY. WE ANTICIPATE THAT 1975 WILL SEE A COMPREHENSIVE ADDRESS TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS

OF LDCS. WE HOPE THAT THE ECOSOC WILL PLAY THE LEADING ROLE IN THIS EFFORT WHICH ITS MANDATE PROVIDES FOR.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE SUMMARY UPDATE ON CONCLUSION MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE ON RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES AND SUGGESTIONS ABOUT WHAT WE SHOULD SAY IF ANYTHING.

9. FYI IN ACC/ECONSOC JOINT MEETING TODAY MIKE HOFFMAN OF IBRD REPORTED ON BANK STUDY OF LDC REQUIREMENTS FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT FOR 1974-76. HE SAID STUDY SHOWED NEED FOR 90 PERCENT INCREASE IN BANK RESOURCES. HOFFMAN GAVE NO INDICATION SMALL NUMBER OF LARGE EARNERS OF SUCH RESOURCES, E. G. OPEC, THEREBY LEAVING IMPRESSION THAT THIS TOO IS AN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY PROBLEM TO MEET. WE PROPOSE INVITE BANK TO COMPLETE ANALYSIS TO ACCOUNT FOR NEW CONCENTRATIONS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE HOLDINGS. WE WOULD THUS PIN-POINT COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NEW FINANCIAL CAPACITY TO PROVIDE REMEDY WITHOUT CONFRONTING OPEC DIRECTLY. END FYI. ABRAMS

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